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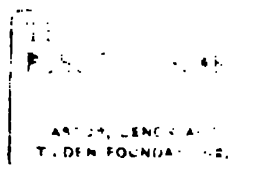


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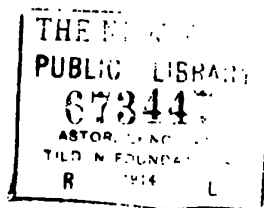
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## INTRODUCTION

*"We, that are very old"—to borrow a phrase from the immortal Isaac Bickerstaff—must remember how, over thirty years ago, followed to Robert Browning's "Men and Women" the same author's single volume of "Dramatis Personæ." It was a brief collection, but it included the Master in all his moods. For those who looked for "something craggy to break their minds upon," there were "James Lee's Wife" and "Dr's Alistair Visum"; for the mere lovers of poetry, there were "Rabbi Ben Ezra," "Abt Vogler," the curious speculations of Caliban upon Setebos, the magnificent narrative, "supposed of Pamphylax, the Antiochene," entitled "A Death in the Desert." Other pieces there were again in that slender list of twenty, which have since become household words in English Literature. But among the lighter efforts was one in particular which lingers in the mind of the present preface-writer. It was the fancy called "A Likeness." In the critical record its part is only a modest one. Eight lines are all that Mrs. Sutherland Orr*



devotes to it in her excellent manual, yet it has haunted one idle brain for a quarter of a century and more. And it is not so much its central idea which endures, as the skilful presentment of that idea, with its revel of rhyme—its “mark ace” and “cigar-case,” its “alas ! mine” and “jasmine,” its “keepsake” and “leaps, ache” (surely this last is as neat as Calverley’s historical “dovetail” and “love tale”!)—tours de force which, to minds then less familiar with such dexterities, seemed scarcely short of miraculous. Perhaps, in the present day, it might be hinted that—for the modern rules of the game—the license of rhyming on proper names was used too freely. But this is to seek knots in a reed: and the lines at once regain their ancient charm: to the votary who renews his study of them:—

“ I keep my prints, an imbroglio,  
 Fifty in one portfolio.  
 When somebody tries my claret,  
 We turn round chairs to the fire,  
 Chirp over days in a garret,  
 Chuckle o’er increase of salary,  
 Taste the good fruits of our leisure,  
 Talk about pencil and lyre,  
 And the National Portrait Gallery:  
 Then I exhibit my treasure.”

“Talk of the National Portrait Gallery,” only necessary in Browning’s case for the fitter exhibition of his leading idea, would not, by the way, be ill-timed at the present moment, when, at last, there is some nearing prospect of the transfer, at

least to "an ampler ether," if not to "a diviner air," of the art-treasures so long buried in a corner at Bethnal Green. But it is not of Mr. George Scharf's portraits, or of their new Valhalla at Trafalgar Square, that we now purpose to speak: it is rather of the "pencil and lyre" in the poet's preceding line. The lyre here is the lyre of Gay, of Swift, of Fielding—of that supreme "inheritor of unfulfilled renown," the imperishable "Anon.": the pencil is one already exercised successfully on "Cranford," and "Our Village," and Goldsmith's "Vicar"—the pencil of Mr. HUGH THOMSON. If the reader cannot "chuckle with us over increase of salary," or (in retrospect) "chirp over days in a garret," he can certainly pause for a space while we "exhibit our treasure"; and, as from a visionary portfolio, draw forth the pictures and poems which follow. Only, seeing that the accomplished Artist may read this "Introduction," we shall spare his blushes by letting his pleasant sketches speak for themselves, confining our office in the main to running comment on the verses he has chosen for embellishment.

Coridon's  
Song,  
pp.1-17.      Integros accedere fontes, atque  
                 haurire—seems to have been Mr.  
                 Thomson's motto in his earliest selections,  
                 for it is in Walton's "Angler" that he  
finds his first sources of inspiration. Of the  
author of the song which Coridon the Country man  
sings to Piscator and Master Peter, we know but  
little, so little that it has even been profanely  
suggested that his name should be Harris rather

than John Chalkhill, that reputed "Acquaintant of Edmund Spenser," and assumed composer of the "Pastoral History in smooth and easie Verse" which Walton put forth in 1683 under the title of "Thealma and Clearchus." Indeed, in some aids to learning, the book is roundly ascribed to Walton himself. But the modern investigator—who must always be meddling—has discovered there was actually existent in Walton's day a "Jo. Chalkhill, Gent.," who probably wrote verse, easy and otherwise; and who, in spite of insinuations to the contrary, may really have been the inventor of this most desirable carol with its artless—

"heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
heigh trolollie lee,"

and its new-old, old-new variation upon that time-honoured and delusive contrast between the Country and the Town which hath ever been the dream of those who "study to be quiet":—

"For Courts are full of flattery,  
As hath too oft been tried;  
heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
heigh trolollie lee,  
The City full of wantonness,  
and both are full of pride:  
Then care away,  
and wend along with me."

"I shall love you for it as long as I know you," says honest Piscator. "I would you were a brother of the Angle, for a companion that is cheerful and free from swearing and scurrilous discourse, is

*worth gold."* "*I love (he says once more) such mirth as does not make friends ashamed to look upon one another next morning*" — a sentiment to which, were not the idea as old as Plato, one might fancy a resemblance in the later "*mirth that, after, no repenting draws*" of a certain austere John Milton. And so farewell, Master Coridon! Yours was a good song, and a merry, whoever be the author!

It is from another self-proclaimed The Angler's "acquaintant" of the poet of the Song,  
pp. 19-39. "*Faerie Queene*" that Piscator borrows his reply—a reply for which (according to the flattered Coridon) "*Anglers are all beholding.*" Piscator's song, he himself tells us, was lately composed "*at my request by Mr. William Basse, one that has made the choice Songs of the Hunter in his carrere, and of Tom of Bedlam, and many others of note.*" Time has dealt capriciously with this same William Basse. He was the friend of Browne and Wither and Ben Jonson, as well as of Spenser and Walton; and when Shakespeare died, he wrote upon him an elegy wherein he bids him make his fourfold bed with Chaucer and Beaumont and Spenser—

"Vntill Doomesdaye, for hardly will a fift  
Betwixt y<sup>a</sup> day and y<sup>t</sup> by Fate be slayne,  
For whom your Curtaines may be drawn againe"

—a sentiment which, besides something of the spacious Elizabethan spirit, has also the merit of a not-discredited prediction. Yet the bulk of

*Basse's work, unpublished during his life, remained uncollected until last year, when he was born out of due time in Mr. Warwick Bond's handsome and scholarly edition. On the whole, however, it is impossible to regard him as anything but a diluted Spenserian. His flat pastoral fertility is more curious than edifying, and prompts the suspicion that there must have been just a touch of friendly log-rolling about Walton's praise of his lyric gift, since it is not greatly conspicuous in the pair of pieces mentioned, neither of which excels the "Angler's Song." And even in that the weightiest line is the first ("As inward love breeds outward talk"). Still—leaving open the question whether your thorough-paced fisherman can really read at his craft—one must confess a "contemplative" ease in the stanza—*

"Of recreation there is none  
So free as fishing is alone;  
All other pastimes do no less  
Than mind and body both possess;  
My hand alone my work can do,  
So I can fish and study too."

*The "Compleat Angler" comes about midway between the next two selections. "Who liveth so merry," pp. 41-52. "Who liveth so merry" is from the "Deuteromelia" of 1609, the date of Shakespeare's "Sonnets": "Come, Sweet Lass," from "Pills to Purge Melancholy," which brings us nigh to Dryden's "Fables" and 1700. The "Deuteromelia" is a thin quarto of some fifteen leaves, with a preface that might have been written by Holofernes. Vt Mel Os, sic Cor melos afficit,*

& reficet—says a motto in its highly elaborate title-page; and it was printed at London for Thomas Adams, dwelling in Paul's Church-yard "at the signe of the white Lion." The author was one Thomas Ravenscroft, sometime chorister of Paul's and graduate of Cambridge, whose "4-part psalms" were considered by that eminent connoisseur, Mr. Samuel Pepys, to be "most admirable musique." Already, earlier in 1609, Ravenscroft had published a series of rounds and canons entitled "Pammelia," of which "Deuteromelia" is the sequel. Turning its pages, one comes upon the lively catch of "Hold thy peace, thou knave," which Feste the Clown, and Sir Toby Belch, and Sir Andrew Aguecheek sing together in Act II. of "Twelfth Night"—a catch, as Sir Toby says, calculated to "draw three souls out of one weaver." A later ditty given in the book suggested the title borne by a famous chronicle of Mr. Rudyard Kipling:—

"Wee be Souldiers three,  
Pardona moy ie vous an pree,  
Lately come forth of the low country  
With neuer a penny of mony.  
Fa la la la lantido dilly."

(The French of Flanders, it should be observed, apparently left something to be desired in the matter of spelling.) Then follows at p. 18, with its pleasant suggestion of old street cries and open-air callings, the "Freemen's Song" for four voices that Mr. Thomson has here illustrated, the moral of which seems to lie in the lines—

"Who liveth so merry, and maketh such sport,  
As those that be of the poorest sort?"

—a point clearly open to argument. It is not true under *Victoria*: probably it was only poetically true under "*Eliza and our James*."

"Come, Sweet Lass," *song of good life?*"—asks the Clown of pp. 53-63. *Sir Toby in that comedy of Shakespeare to which we have already referred. And Olivia's reprobate uncle unhesitatingly declares for a love-song, to which his led-captain, Sir Andrew, with the exaggeration of the imitator, further adds that he "cares not for good life." Our next dip in the lyric lucky-bag must assuredly have satisfied them both. It is "amatorious" enough for Sir Toby; and as an Invitation à la Danse should have had special attractions for that expert in "Lavoltas high and swift Corantos," his companion. (Sir Andrew's leg, we all know, did "indifferent well in a flame-coloured stock.") "Come, Sweet Lass" is apparently one of the innumerable performances of that prolific Tom D'Urfey, whose words, married to the music of Purcell and Blow and Farmer, were once so well known to our ancestors. "He has been the delight of the most polite companies and conversations, from the beginning of king Charles the Second's reign to our present times," says Addison in the "Guardian"; and Pope, in his Binfield boyhood, tells his friend Cromwell that D'Urfey is "your only poet of tolerable reputation in this country." Over his voluminous plays and farces, which Collier justly attacked,*

*Oblivion has discreetly "scattered her poppy"; but not a few of his songs still linger in our anthologies. One of the last testimonies to their popularity in his own day is contained in Gay's "Shepherd's Week." The references in the third and fourth lines are to D'Urfey's burlesque opera called "Wonders in the Sun," and his "ode" of the "Newmarket Horse Race":—*

"A while, O D—y, lend an Ear or twain,  
Nor, though in homely Guise, my Verse disdain,  
Whether thou seek'st new Kingdoms in the Sun,  
Whether thy Muse does at *New-Market* run,  
Or does with Gossips at a Feast regale,  
And heighten her Conceits with Sack and Ale,  
Or else at Wakes with *Joan* and *Hodge* rejoice,  
Where D—y's Lyricks swell in every Voice,  
Yet suffer me, thou Bard of wondrous Meed,  
Amid thy Bays to weave this rural Weed."

*According to the notes to Gay's Pastorals in the admirable edition of the late Mr. John Underhill, it appears that D'Urfey supplied the words to two other old songs mentioned by Gay, "Gillian of Croydon" and "Sawney Scot." Many who could sing, and many who could not, must have blessed that tuneful memory.*

*When Tom D'Urfey was buried in Morning in London, 1723 at St. James's, Piccadilly (where there is a tablet to his memory), Steele pp. 65-79. followed him to his grave. It was in Steele's then new periodical, the "Tatler," that first appeared the piece which here succeeds to "Come, Sweet Lass." Swift's "Morning in London" (or,*



more strictly, "*Morning in Town*"), which Addison is supposed to have sent to "Mr. Bickerstaff" from Dublin with some of his own contributions to his friend's venture, is leagues removed from the previous verses. "An ingenious kinsman of mine"—says Steele introducing it—"has run into a way perfectly new, and described things exactly as they happen: he never forms fields, or nymphs, or groves, where they are not; but makes the incidents just as they really appear." Swift, in short, is one of the earliest of the realists, with much of their merit and most of their defects. Nothing could be surer-sighted than his inspection of the "slipshod 'prentice," the mop-whirling maid (whom he uses again in the *City Shower*), the "youth with broomy stumps" (observe the nice distinction between "broomy stumps" and "stumpy broom"), the small-coal man, the bailiffs, and all the sordid rest. But his photograph of these things is taken from the seamy side, and, like his latter-day disciples, he dwells upon this by preference. Neither Steele nor Addison, one would think, could have left this picture as it is. They might perhaps have missed its microscopic view of the mean and squalid; but they would undoubtedly have added some touch of red-veined humanity to warm the composition—a pretty girl seen smiling at her glass—a child wondering in its bed at the birth of a new day. We are apt to think that Swift's contemporaries were blinder to his faults than we are. But the Anglo-Gallic Annotator of the "*Babillard*" was perfectly right when he condemned the petty range of the ideas. And it is not

*necessary to contend with Johnson that, since "such a number of particulars could never have been assembled by the power of recollection," Swift must have noted down what he observed. On the contrary, Steele, in penning a little caveat against possible imitators of these particular verses, goes partway towards improvising the material himself. "I bar," he says, "all descriptions of the Evening; as, a medley of verses signifying grey peas are now cried warm . . . . or of Noon; as, that fine ladies and great beaux are just yawning out of their windows in Pall-Mall."*

One of these imitators, in a better sense, A Journey to Exeter, pp. 81-115. *was the poet of the pleasant rhyming epistle which follows Swift's Dutch picture. In the advertisement to "Trivia," Gay himself admits his indebtedness for "several hints" to Dr. Swift; and indeed it has always been supposed that "Morning in Town" and the "City Shower" supplied the initial suggestion for that poem. In the order of Gay's productions, the "Journey to Exeter" comes just before "Trivia." For reasons best known to the Artist, though doubtless sufficient, the introductory lines to Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington, upon whose prompting, and at whose cost, the little trip was undertaken, are here omitted:—*

"While you, my Lord, bid stately piles ascend,  
Or in your *Chiswick* bow'rs enjoy your friend;  
Where *Pope* unloads the boughs within his reach  
The purple vine, blue plumb, and blushing peach;  
I journey far."

*"Within his reach," we have always supposed to be a sly stroke at the minute stature of the great Alexander. But Gay does not spare his own defects:—*

*"You knew fat Bards might tire,  
And, mounted, sent me forth your trusty Squire."*

*Who the traveller's "two companions" were, history has not related, though he calls one Grævius:—*

*"Now o'er true Roman way our horses sound,  
Grævius would kneel, and kiss the sacred ground;"*

*and a line or two higher he speaks of sketching them both at Dorchester as they snored in their elbow chairs. There are many drawings by Pope extant; what would one not give for this solitary croquis of Gay! But in default of pictures with the pencil, the poem abounds in those pen sketches which are still the freshest legacy of the bard of "The Beggar's Opera." We seem to see the pigeon-feeding Solomon of Turnham Green, as he has been revealed to the Artist and denied to the antiquary; we watch the travellers riding warily over Bagshot Heath—*

*"Where broken gamesters oft' repair their loss;"*

*we taste the red trout and "rich metheglin" of Steele's borough of Stockbridge, the lobster and "unadulterate wine" of Morecombe; we spell out on the road from Honiton—*

*"Where finest lace industrious lasses weave,"*

*the rhyming sign of that "Hand and Pen" where the rain-drenched party take shelter. And at Axminster*

*there is the "pretty washermaiden" (as Mr. Henley would call her) of whom Mr. Thomson has contrived so charming a portrait. But why, O why! has he forborne to draw for us that most impressive local celebrity, the female barber?*

"The weighty golden chain adorns her neck,  
And three gold rings her skilful hand bedeck :  
Smooth o'er our chin her easy fingers move,  
Soft as when *Venus* strok'd the beard of *Jove*."

Twelve years had passed away when  
"How happy could I be," John Gay composed the brief and better-known song which follows. Since, in pp. 117-123. 1728, William Hogarth painted, for William Blake eventually to engrave, the likeness of Captain Macheath "between his two Deborahs"—the Polly and Lucy of the "*Beggar's Opera*"—the couplet "How happy could I be with either, Were t'other dear Charmer away," has been an almost indispensable formula for the expression of masculine indecision in presence of conflicting feminine attractions. Nor has it been employed in this way alone, for it has done service in many another fashion of dilemma. To take but the latest example, only the other day it was triumphantly pressed by Sir William Harcourt into a discussion on the business of the House of Commons, when—to the amusement of that august body—Mr. Goschen neatly countered its Leader by completing the quotation :—

"But while you thus tease me together,  
To neither a word will I say."

*For this reason, it may be, Mr. Thomson has treated the song, less as an extract from the famous piece which made "Gay rich, and Rich gay," than as a cosmopolitan utterance—a cry wrung from the heart of embarrassed male humanity. It is, in fact, one of those "Eternal Verities" of which Carlyle was wont to speak—as old as Adam, as young as yesterday.*

*Over Fielding's "Hunting Song" and "A Hunting we will go," pp. 125-139. "Oh! dear! what can the matter be?" we may pass more rapidly. If the play of "Don Quixote in England," from Act II. of which the first is taken, really included these verses when it was sketched by its author at Leyden, it follows that his gifts as a song-writer must have been manifested more early and more enduringly than his dramatic powers. Fielding's comedies have never held their ground; but this rollicking ditty of men and dogs, set to the fine old air "There was a jovial beggar," is still good to sing and to hear. The same play contains a suggestion of another famous lyric:—*

*"Oh the roast beef of old England,  
And old England's roast beef!"*

*And one of the verses in "The dusky night rides down the sky" supplies a useful note to the "Spectator." Says the song:—*

*"A brushing fox in yonder wood,  
Secure to find we seek;  
For why, I carry'd, sound and good,  
A cartload there last week."*

*This is precisely the practice of which Budgell accuses the provident Sir Roger de Coverley: "Indeed the Knight does not scruple to own among his most intimate Friends, that in order to establish his Reputation this Way [as a Fox-killer], he has secretly sent for great Numbers of them [Foxes] out of other Counties, which he used to turn loose about the Country by Night, that he might the better signalise himself in their Destruction the next Day."*

Upon "Oh! dear! what can the matter be?"—both words and tune of which are what can the matter be?" anonymous—little comment can be needed beyond that afforded by the illustrations. pp. 141-149.

*It is still among the most familiar of its old-fashioned kind, and may continue to supply subjects to the genre painter for another century or two.*

Sir Dilberry Diddle, pp. 151-163. "Captain (of Militia) Sir Dilberry Diddle"—the last upon our list—belongs, we should imagine, to the epoch of the "Seven Years' War." Sir Dilberry is clearly the growth of that chronic dread of invasion which prompted not only Hogarth's "France" and "England," but many another valiant pictorial gibe at the frog-eating "Mounseers" who were always threatening to cross over with their friars, and their Popish racks and thumbscrews, to build their black monasteries within sound of Bow Bells. Like John Gilpin, he is to be ranked with those train-band captains "of credit and renown" who furnished such frank laughter to the Footes and Colmans

*of their day. His actual exploits, as those satirists hinted, rarely went, in all probability, much beyond the investment of a hay-stack or the occupation of an alehouse, for the "flat-bottomed boats" so frequently mentioned by Goldsmith and others never found their way into English ports, nor have we to this day—in the mixed metaphor of the "Gazetteer"—"lain down to be saddled with wooden shoes." But however we estimate the precise value of what Mr. Hosea Biglow styles "milishy gloary," there is no need why we should mock at an honourable patriotic instinct, even in a citizen-soldier. If the French had come, doubtless Sir Dilberry would have fought as well waking as he did asleep. In any case, let us not begrudge him his long nap under the short apron of his excellent lady—surely one of the most original of Mr. Thomson's creations!*

*Part of the foregoing Introduction—an Introduction of necessity somewhat invertebrate and discursive—was written in the West of Scotland. On the grey and ancient island of Iona, the author, with the rest of his party, followed the appointed Guide in the round of its venerable ruins. The Tale was of Macbeth and King Fergus; of the Cross of St. Martin of Tours (who divided his cloak with the beggar); of the stone pillow of St. Columba (in its cage of iron); of the rudely carved griffin which served as model for the monster at Temple Bar. Meanwhile, in pauses of that instructive oration—perhaps even during its progress—the eyes of the listeners wandered vaguely to the clear blue over-*

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# *Coridon's Song*

*from Walton's Complete Angler*

## *Coridon's Song*



*h, the sweet contentment  
The countryman doth find!  
Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
That quiet contemplation  
Possesseth all my mind;  
Then care away,  
And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*





## *Coridon's Song*

*For Courts are full of flattery  
As hath too oft been tried ;  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
The city full of wantonnefs,  
And both are full of pride :  
    Then care away,  
    And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*



## *Coridon's Song*

*But oh ! the honest countryman  
Speaks truly from his heart ;  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
His pride is in his tillage,  
His horses and his cart ;  
    Then care away,  
    And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*



## *Coridon's Song*

*Our clothing is good sheep-skins,  
Grey russet for our wives ;  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
'Tis warmth, and not gay clothing,  
That doth prolong our lives ;  
    Then care away,  
    And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*



## *Coridon's Song*

*The ploughman, though he labour hard,  
Yet on the holiday,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
No emperor so merrily  
Doth pass his time away ;  
    Then care away,  
    And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*





## *Coridon's Song*

*To recompense our tillage,  
The heavens afford us showers ;  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
And for our sweet refreshments  
The earth affords us bowers ;  
    Then care away,  
    And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*



*Coridon's Song*

*The cuckoo and the nightingale  
Full merrily do sing,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
And with their pleasant roundelays  
Bid welcome to the spring ;  
    Then care away,  
    And wend along with me.*

*Coridon's Song*



## *Coridon's Song*

*This is not half the happiness  
The countryman enjoys ;  
    Heigh trolollie lollie loe,  
    Heigh trolollie lollie lee.  
Though others think they have as much,  
Yet he that says so lies ;  
    Then come away, turn  
    Countryman with me.*

*Coridon's Song*





# The Angler's Song



*The Angler's Song*



*As inward love breeds outward talk,  
The hound some praise, and some  
the hawk ;*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*Some, better pleased with private sport,  
Use tennis; some a mistress court;  
But these delights I neither wish  
Nor envy, while I freely fish.*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*Who hunts, doth oft in danger ride ;  
Who hawks, lures oft both far and wide ;  
Who uses games shall often prove*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*A loser ; but who falls in love  
Is fetter'd in fond Cupid's snare :  
My angle breeds me no such care.*

*The Angler's Song*





## *The Angler's Song*

*Of recreation there is none  
So free as fishing is alone ;  
All other pastimes do no less  
Than mind and body both possess ;  
My hand alone my work can do,  
So I can fish and study too.*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*I care not, I, to fish in seas—  
Fresh rivers most my mind do please,  
Whose sweet calm course I contemplate,  
And seek in life to imitate :  
In civil bounds I fain would keep,  
And for my past offences weep.*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*And when the timorous trout I wait  
To take, and he devours my bait,  
How poor a thing, sometimes I find,  
Will captivate a greedy mind;  
And when none bite, I praise the wise,  
Whom vain allurements ne'er surprise.*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*But yet, though while I fish I fast,  
I make good fortune my repast;  
And thereunto my friend invite,  
In whom I more than that delight;  
Who is more welcome to my dish  
Than to my angle was my fish.*

*The Angler's Song*





## *The Angler's Song*

*As well content no prize to take,  
As use of taken prize to make :  
For so our Lord was pleased, when  
He fishers made fishèrs of men :  
Where (which is in no other game)  
A man may fish and praise His name.*

*The Angler's Song*



## *The Angler's Song*

*The first men that our Saviour dear  
Did choose to wait upon Him here,  
Bless'd fishers were, and fish the last  
Food was that He on earth did taste;  
I therefore strive to follow those  
Whom He to follow Him hath chose.*

*"Who liveth so merry"*

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*"Who liveth so merry"*

**W**ho liveth so merry in all this land  
As doth the poor widow that selleth the  
sand?

*And ever she singeth as I can gues,*  
*"Will you buy a—ny sand, a—ny sand;  
mis—treys?"*

*Who liveth so merry*



*Who liveth so merry*

*The broom-man maketh his living most sweet,  
With carrying of brooms from street to street;  
Who would desire a pleasanter thing  
Than all day long doing nothing but sing?*

*Who liveth so merry*





*Who liveth so merry*

*The chimney-sweeper all the long day,  
He singeth and sweepeth the soot away :  
Yet when he comes home, although he be weary,  
With his sweet wife he maketh himself full  
merry.*



*Who liveth so merry*



*Who liveth so merry*

*The merchant-man doth sail on the seas,  
And lie on the shipboard with little ease;  
Always in doubt the rock is near,  
How can he be merry and make good cheer?*

*The husbandman all day goeth to plough,  
And when he comes home he serveth his sow;  
He moileth, and moileth all the long year,  
How can he be merry and make good cheer?*

*The serving-man waiteth from street to street,  
With blowing his nails and beating his feet;  
And serveth for forty shillings a year,  
How can he be merry and make good cheer?*

*Who liveth so merry*



*Who liveth so merry*

*Who liveth so merry and maketh such sport,  
As those that be of the poorest sort?  
The poorest sort, wheresoever they be,  
They gather together, by one, two, and three.*



*And every man will spend his penny,  
What makes such a show among a great many?*

*(Bis.)*

*from Deuteromelia, 1609*



*“Come, sweet Lafs”*



*ome, sweet lafs ;  
This bonny weather  
Let's to-gether ;*

*Come, sweet lajs*





*Come, sweet lafs*

*Come, sweet lafs  
Let's trip upon the grafs,*

*Come, sweet lass*



*Come, sweet lass*

*Ev'ry where  
Poor Jocky seeks his dear,  
And unless you ap-pear,  
He sees no beauty here.*

*Come, sweet lass*



*Come, sweet lass*

*On our green  
The loons are sporting,  
Piping, courting:  
On our green  
The blithest lads are seen:  
There, all day,  
Our lasses dance and play,*



*Come, sweet lads*



*Come, sweet lass*

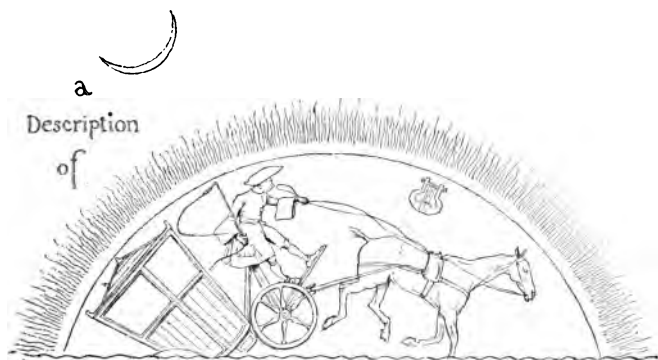
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But I, when you're away.*

*Come, sweet lads*





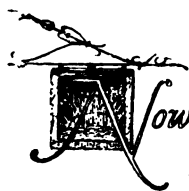




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Morning in LONDON.  
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*Morning in London*



*Now hardly here and there a hackney coach  
Appearing show'd the ruddy morn's  
approach.*

*The slipshod 'prentice from his master's door  
Had pared the dirt, and sprinkled round the  
floor.*

*Morning in London*



*Morning in London*

*Now Moll had whirl'd her mop with dexterous  
airs,  
Prepar'd to scrub the entry and the stairs,*

*Morning in London*



*Morning in London*

*The youth with broomy stumps began to trace  
The kennel's edge, where wheels had worn the  
place,*

*Morning in London*





*Morning in London*

*The small coal man was heard with cadence deep,  
'Till drown'd in shriller notes of chimney-sweep ;*

*Morning in London*



*Morning in London*

*Duns at his Lordship's gate began to meet ;  
And brick-dust Moll had scream'd through half the  
street.*



*Morning in London*



*Morning in London*

*The turnkey now his flock returning sees  
Duly let out a-nights to steal for fees ;  
The watchful bailiffs take their silent stands,*

*Morning in London*



*Morning in London*

*And schoolboys lag with satchels in their hands.*



*Morning in London*









## *A Journey to Exeter*



*Was on the day that city dames repair  
To take their weekly dose of Hyde-Park air  
When forth we trot : no carts the roads in  
For still on Sundays country horses rest.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



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*Thy gardens, Kensington, we leave unseen ;  
Through HammerSmith jog on to Turnham-Green :*



*A Journey to Exeter*



*A Journey to Exeter*

*That Turnham-Green, which dainty pigeons fed,  
But feeds no more: for Solomon is dead.*



*A Journey to Exeter*





## *A Journey to Exeter*

*Three dusty miles reach Brentford's tedious town,  
For dirty streets and white-legg'd chickens known:  
Thence o'er wide shrubby heaths, and furrow'd  
lanes,*

*We come, where Thames divides the meads of  
Staines.*

*We ferry'd o'er; for late the Winter's flood  
Shook her frail bridge, and tore her piles of  
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*At Hartley Row the foaming bit we prest,  
While the fat landlord welcom'd ev'ry guest.  
Supper was ended, healths the glasse crown'd,  
Our host extoll'd his wine at ev'ry round,  
Relates the Justices' late meeting there  
How many bottles drank, and what their cheer ;  
What lords had been his guests in days of  
yore,  
And praised their wisdom much, their drinking  
more.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



## *A Journey to Exeter*

*Let travellers the morning vigils keep :  
The morning rose, but we lay fast asleep.  
Twelve tedious miles we bore the sultry sun,  
And Popham Lane was scarce in sight by one ;  
The straggling village harbour'd thieves of old,  
'Twas here the stage-coach'd lass resign'd her  
gold ;  
That gold which had in London purchas'd  
gowns,  
And sent her home a Belle to country towns.*

*A Journey to Exeter*





*A Journey to Exeter*

*Sutton we pass, and leave her spacious down,  
And with the setting sun reach Stockbridge town.  
O'er our parch'd tongue the rich metheglin glides,  
And the red dainty trout our knife divides.  
Sad melancholy ev'ry visage wears;  
What, no election come in seven long years!  
Of all our race of Mayors, shall Snow alone  
Be by Sir Richard's dedication known?  
Our streets no more with tides of ale shall float,  
Nor cobblers feast three years upon one vote.  
Next morn, twelve miles led o'er th'unbounded  
plain,  
Where the cloak'd shepherd guides his fleecy  
train.  
No leafy bow'rs a noon-day shelter lend,  
Nor from the chilly dews at night defend:  
With wondrous art, he counts the straggling flock,  
And by the sun informs you what's a clock.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



## *A Journey to Exeter*

*How are our shepherds fall'n from ancient days !  
No Amaryllis chants alternate lays ;  
From her no lift'ning echoes learn to sing,  
Nor with his reed the jocund valleys ring.  
Here sheep the pasture hide, there harvests bend,  
See Sarum's steeple o'er yon hill ascend ;  
Our horses faintly trot beneath the heat,  
And our keen stomachs know the hour to eat.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



*A Journey to Exeter*

*Who can forsake thy walls, and not admire  
The proud cathedral, and the lofty spire?  
What sempstrefs has not proved thy scissors good?  
From hence first came th' intriguing riding-hood.  
Amid three boarding-schools well stock'd with  
    misses  
Shall three knight-errants starve for want of  
    kisses?  
O'er the green turf the miles slide swift away,  
And Blandford ends the labours of the day.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



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## *A Journey to Exeter*

*The morning rose ; the supper reck'ning paid,  
And our due fees discharged to man and maid ;  
The ready ostler near the stirrup stands,  
And as we mount, our half-pence load his hands.*

*A Journey to Exeter*





## *A Journey to Exeter*

*We climb'd the hills, when starry night arose,  
And Axminster affords a kind repose.  
The maid subdu'd by fees, her trunk unlocks,  
And gives the cleanly aid of dowlas smocks.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



## *A Journey to Exeter*

*Meantime our shirts her busy fingers rub,  
While the soap lathers o'er the foaming tub.  
We rise, our beards demand the barber's art;  
A female enters, and performs the part.  
The weighty golden chain adorns her neck,  
And three gold rings her skilful hand bedeck;  
Smooth o'er our chin her easy fingers move,  
Soft as when Venus strok'd the beard of Jove.  
Now from the steep, 'midst scatter'd cots and  
groves,  
Our eye through Honiton's fair valley roves.*

*A Journey to Exeter*



## *A Journey to Exeter*

*Behind us soon the busy town we leave,  
Where finest lace industrious lasses weave,  
Now swelling clouds roll'd on; the rainy load  
Stream'd down our hats, and smok'd along the  
road;  
When (O blest sight!) a friendly sign we spy'd,  
Our spurs are slacken'd from the horse's side;*



*A Journey to Exeter*



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*For sure a civil host the house commands,  
Upon whose sign this courteous motto stands,—  
“This is the ancient hand, and eke the pen;  
Here is for horses hay, and meat for men.”  
How rhyme would flourish, did each son of fame  
Know his own genius, and direct his flame!  
Then he that could not Epic fights rehearse,  
Might sweetly mourn in Elegiac verse.  
But were his Muse for Elegy unfit,  
Perhaps a Distich might not strain his wit;*

*A Journey to Exeter*





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*If Epigram offend, his harmless lines  
Might in gold letters swing on ale-house signs.  
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And Tuttle-fields record his simple lays;  
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eyes*

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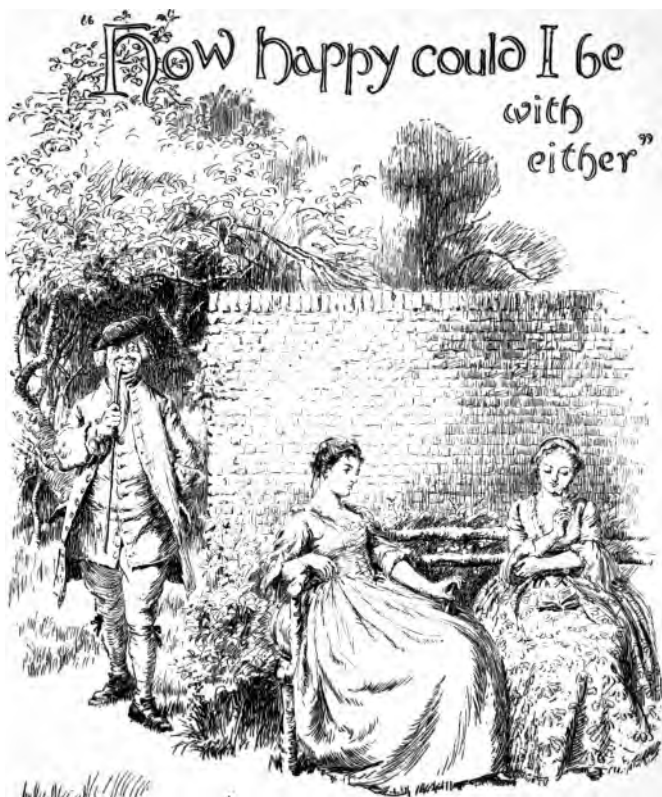
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We mount our steeds, and Devon's city gain.  
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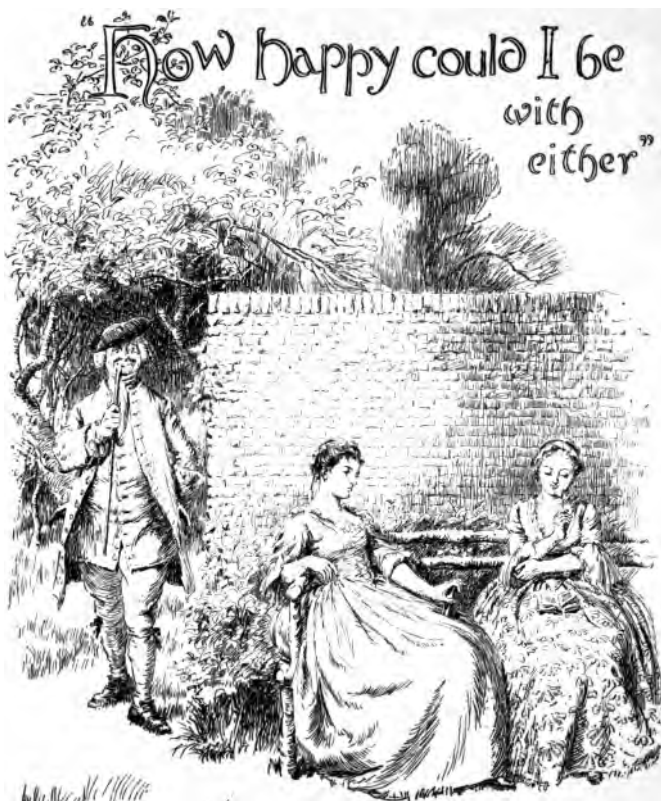
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*But while you thus tease me to-gether*



*How happy could I be with either*



*How happy could I be with either*

*To neither a word will I say.*



*How happy could I be with either*



*Ri tol de rol lol de rol li do, &c.*

*from The Beggar's Opera*

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A HUNTING  
WE WILL GO

The logo is a black and white illustration. It features the text "A HUNTING" in a large, serif font, with "WE WILL GO" in a smaller, similar font below it. A large, stylized letter "C" is positioned behind the text, partially enclosing it. A snake is coiled around the "C" and the text, with its head raised and tongue flicking out. A pickaxe is positioned diagonally across the lower part of the logo, with its head pointing towards the bottom right and its handle extending towards the upper left.



*A hunting we will go*

*The huntsman winds his horn.  
The huntsman winds his horn.  
And a hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go.*

*A hunting we will go*



*A hunting we will go*

*The wife around her husband throws  
Her arms, and begs his stay ;  
My dear, it rains, it hails, it snows,  
You will not hunt to-day ?  
But a hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go.*

*A hunting we will go*



*A hunting we will go*

*A brushing fox in yonder wood,  
Secure to find we seek;  
For why, I carried, sound and good,  
A cartload there last week.  
And a hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go.*

*A hunting we will go*



*A hunting we will go*

*Away he goes, he flies the rout,  
Their steeds all spur and switch;  
Some are thrown in, and some thrown out,  
And some thrown in the ditch.*

*A hunting we will go*





*A hunting we will go*

*But a hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go,  
A hunting we will go.*

*A hunting we will go*



*A hunting we will go*

*At length his strength to faintness worn,  
Poor Reynard ceases flight;  
Then hungry, homeward we return,  
To feast away the night.  
Then a drinking we will go,  
A drinking we will go,  
A drinking we will go,  
A drinking we will go.*

*A hunting we will go*





Oh! Dear!  
What can the matter be?"



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A garland of lilies, a garland of roses,  
A little straw hat, to set off the blue ribbons  
That tie up my bonny brown hair.*



## *Sir Dilberry Diddle*



*f all the brave captains that ever were seen,  
Appointed to fight by a king or a queen,  
By a king or a queen appointed to fight,  
Sure never a captain was like this brave  
knight.*

*He pulled off his slippers and wrapper of  
silk,  
And, foaming as furious as whiskèd new  
milk,  
Says he to his lady, "My lady, I'll go :  
My company calls me ; you must not say no."*

*Sir Dilberry Diddle*



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*With eyes all in tears says my lady, says she,  
"O cruel Sir Dilberry, do not kill me!  
For I never will leave thee, but cling round thy  
middle,  
And die in the arms of Sir Dilberry Diddle."*

*Said Diddle again to his lady, "My dear,"  
(And a white pocket-handkerchief wiped off a tear)  
"To fight for thy charms in the hottest of wars  
Will be joy! Thou art Venus." Says she, "Thou  
art Mars."*



*Sir Dilberry Diddle*





## *Sir Dilberry Diddle*

*By a place I can't mention, not knowing its name,  
At the head of his company Dilberry came,  
And the drums to the window call every eye  
To see the defence of the nation pass by.*

*Old Bible-faced women, through spectacles dim,  
With hemming and coughing, cried "Lord, it is  
him!"  
While boys and the girls, who more clearly could  
see,  
Cried, "Yonder's Sir Dilberry Diddle — that's  
he!"*

*Sir Dilberry Diddle*



*Sir Dilberry Diddle*

*Of all the fair ladies that came to the show,  
Sir Diddle's fair lady stood first in the row;  
"Oh, how charming," says she, "he looks all in  
red:*

*How he turns out his toes, how he holds up his  
head!*

*"Do but see his cockade, and behold his dear gun,  
Which shines like a looking-glass held in the sun!  
Hear his word of command! 'tis so sweet, I am  
sure,  
Each time I am tempted to call out—encore!"*

*Sir Dilberry Diddle*



*Sir Dilberry Diddle*

*The battle was over without any blows,  
The heroes unharnes and strip off their clothes ;  
The dame gives her captain a sip of rose-water,  
Then he, handing her into her coach, steps in  
after.*

*John's orders are special to drive very slow,  
For fevers oft follow fatigues, we all know,  
And prudently cautious, in Venus's lap,  
Beneath her short apron, Mars takes a long nap.*

*Sir Dilberry Diddle*



*Sir Dilberry Diddle*

*He dreamt, Fame reports, that he cut all the throats  
Of the French as they landed in flat-bottomed  
boats,*

*In his sleep if such dreadful destruction he makes,  
What havoc, ye gods! we shall have when he  
wakes!*

*Sir Dilberry Diddle*





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